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# HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

## 1st Printing

By Collazo

H.B. No. 1806

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#### **COMMITTEE REPORT**

The	Hon	ora	ble	Gib	Le	wis	
Spe	aker	of	the	HOL	ıse	of	Representatives

Sir:

April	18,	1989	
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We, your COMMITTEE ON HUM	AN SERVICES,			
to whom was referred H.B	neasure)	_ have had the same	under consideration	n and beg to report
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H.B. 1806 by Collazo Human Services Committee

#### BACKGROUND

Ten years ago, adoption services consisted mainly of the time staff spent recruiting and studying prospective adoptive homes. Once a child was placed, only a minimum of support services were needed. Now, due to the severity and multiplicity of problems the children needing placement have, it has become apparent that more time and support is required to support adoption both before and after consummation. The purpose of post placement adoption services is to provide that support, as needed, to the adoptee and members of the adoptive family. Failure to provide these services reduces the possibility of adoption for some children, as many children periodically need services in order to function satisfactorily in a family setting, and may impede the success of an adoptive placement that has been made.

#### **PURPOSE**

H.B. 1806 would allow the Texas Department of Human Services to provide various services, if needed, after adoption to adoptees and adoptive families to whom the department provided services before adoption.

#### SECTION-BY-SECTION ANALYSIS

SECTION 1. Amends the heading of Chapter 47 of the Human Resources Code to read "Chapter 47. Adoption Services." The words "For Hard to Place Children" are deleted.

SECTION 2. Designates Sections 47.001-47.005 of the Human Resources code as "Subchapter A. Services for Hard-To-Place Children."

SECTION 3. Amends Chapter 47 of the Human Resources Code by adding "Subchapter B. Post Adoption Services," which consists of "Section 47.031. Provision of Services." Section 47.031 authorizes the Texas Department of Human Services to provide services, if needed, after adoption to adoptees and adoptive families to whom the department provided services before adoption. The department may provide the services directly or through contract. The services may include financial assistance, respite care, placement services, parenting programs, support groups, counseling services, and medical aid.

SECTION 4. Emergency clause.

#### RULEMAKING AUTHORITY

It is the opinion of the committee that this bill does delegate rulemaking authority to a state agency, officer, department, or institution. In Section 3 of the bill, the Texas Department of Human Services is authorized to provide postadoption services for adoptees and the adoptive families. Although rulemaking authority is not specifically delegated to the Texas Department of Human Services in this bill, such rulemaking authority is implied as the department may have to adopt rules concerning the provision of these postadoptive services to adoptees and the adoptive families.

#### SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE ACTION

Public notice was posted in accordance with the rules and a public hearing on H.B. 1806 was held on April 11, 1989. The Chair, Representative Barton, laid out H.B. 1806 and recognized Representative Collazo, the author, to explain the bill. Testifying for the bill were Reggie M. Griffith, representing himself and the Council on Adoptable Children of Texas; Carlene Murray, secretary for a district judge, representing herself; Jim Harlow, landscaper, representing himself; J.R. Kerr, student, representing himself; Barbara Rila, psychologist, Dallas, representing herself; Margie Hoelscher, representing the Council on Adoptable Children of Dallas; Bobbie T. Kerr, representing herself and the Council on Adoptable Children of Dallas; Bonnie Harlow, representing herself and her adopted children; Bob Chandler, minister, Dallas, representing himself; Jamie Kerr, student, representing herself; Linda B. Sacra, representing herself and the Council on Adoptable Children of Texas; Teresa Phillips, Royse City, representing herself; Garland M. O'Day, Sr., property tax consultant, Arlington, representing himself; and, Robert Paladino, U.S. Air Force security supervisor, N. Richland Hills, representing himself. Testifying on the bill as a resource witness was Diane Scott, representing the Texas Department of Human Services. No one testified against the bill.

H.B. 1806 was referred to a subcommittee consisting of the following members: Representative Melton, Vowell and Waterfield. On April 12, 1989, the subcommittee held a formal meeting. The Chair laid out H.B. 1806. It was moved that the subcommittee recess until 5 minutes after adjournment of the House on April 13, 1989. There being no objection, the subcommittee recessed until 5 minutes after adjournment of the House on April 13, 1989.

On April 13, 1989, at 10:49 a.m., the subcommittee and was called to order by the Chair. The Chair laid out H.B. 1806. It was moved that the subcommittee recess until 5 minutes after the second adjournment of the House on April 13, 1989. There being no objection, the subcommittee recessed until 5 minutes after the second adjournment of the House on April 13, 1989. The subcommittee reconvened at 11:58 a.m., on April 13, 1989, and called to order by the Chair. The Chair laid out H.B. 1806. At that meeting, Representative Waterfield offered an amendment, was adopted. The effect of the amendment would be to provide for the creation of a Postadoptive Services Advisory Committee that would: 1) monitor the postadoptive services provided by Texas Department of Human Services and the contracts issued for those services; 2) study the costs and benefits provided by review the issues concerning postadoptive services; adoptees and adoptive families and develop appropriate policy recommendations for the state; and 4) submit a biennial report to the legislature that includes the results of the costs benefits study, the policy recommendations for the state, and committee recommendations to improve postadoptive services provided by the Texas Department of Human Services. The subcommittee voted to favorably report the bill as amended back full committee.

The subcommittee report was considered by the full committee on April 18, 1989. The Chair laid out H.B. 1806 on subcommittee report and recognized Representative Melton to explain the subcommittee report. The Chair laid out amendment #1. Amendment #1 was adopted by the full committee. On April 18, 1989, the full committee voted to report H.B. 1806 as amended to the full House with a favorable recommendation that it do pass and that it be placed on the Consent Calendar by a record vote of 7 Ayes, 0 Nays, 0 PNV, and 2 Absent.

Austin, Texas

## FISCAL NOTE April 25, 1989

TO: Honorable Erwin W. Barton, Chair

In Re: House Bill No. 1806,

Committee on Human Services House of Representatives

as amended By: Collazo

Austin, Texas

FROM: Jim Oliver, Director

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## REQUEST FOR LGCAL & UNCONTESTED CALENDAR PLACEMENT

Hon. Bill Sims, Chairman Administration Committee

Sir:

Notice is hereby given that SHB 1806, by: Collago Brooks

was heard by the Committee on HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES on 5/22, 1987, and reported out with the recommendation that it be placed on the Local and Uncontested Calendar.

Clerk of the reporting committee

IMPORTANT: A COPY OF THIS FORM MUST BE ATTACHED TO A PRINTED COPY OF THE BILL OR RESOLUTION, WHICH ALONG WITH 14 ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE BILL OR RESOLUTION SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO THE OFFICE OF THE COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATION, ROOM 419. PLEASE CALL 3-0350 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS. DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING BILLS FOR THE LOCAL CALENDAR IS 5:00 P.M. FRIDAY.

## SENATE FAVORABLY AS SUBSTITUTED COMMITTEE REPORT

Lt. Governor William P. Hobby President of the Senate			5	22-89 (date)/(time)
Sir:				
We, your Committee on HE	EALTH AND HUMAN S	ERVICES		_to which was referred
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- (a) Before placing a child for adoption with any person other than the child's stepparent, grandparent, aunt, or uncle by birth, marriage, or prior adoption, the Texas Department of Human Services, an authorized agency, or the child's parent or guardian shall compile a report on the available health, social, educational, and genetic history of the child to be adopted. report shall include any history of physical, sexual, or emotional abuse suffered by the child. If the child has been placed for adoption by any person or entity other than the department, an authorized agency, or the child's parent or guardian, it is the duty of the person or entity who places the child for adoption to prepare the report.
- (b) The health history of the child must include information about the child's health status at the time of placement. The health history must include birth, neonatal, and other medical, psychological, psychiatric, and dental history, a record of immunizations, and the available results of medical, psychological, psychiatric, and dental examinations of the child.
- (c) The social history of child must include the information, to the extent known, about past and relationships among the child and the child's[7-his] existing the child's[7-his] siblings, [his] parents by birth, [his] extended family, and other persons who have had physical possession of or legal access to the child.
- The educational history of the child shall include, to (d) the extent known, information about the enrollment and performance of the child in educational institutions, results of educational testing and standardized tests, and special educational needs, if any, of the child.
- (e) The genetic history of the child shall include a description of the child's parents by birth and their parents, any other child(ren) born to either of the child's parents, and extended family members, and shall specifically include, extent such information is available, information about:
- (1) their health and medical history, including any genetic diseases and disorders;
  - (2) their health status at the time of placement;
  - (3) the cause of and their age at death;
  - (4) their height and weight and eye and hair color;
  - their nationality and ethnic backgrounds; (5)
- (6) their general levels of educational and professional achievements, if any;
- (7) their religious backgrounds; if any; [and]
  (8) any psychological, psychiatric or social
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- (9) any criminal conviction record relating to a misdemeanor or felony classified as an offense against the person or family, a misdemeanor or felony classified as public indecency, felony violation of a statute intended to control the

possession or distribution of a substance included in the Texas Controlled Substances Act (Article 4476-15, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes); and

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- (10)any information necessary to determine the child is entitled to or otherwise eligible for state or federal financial, medical or other assistance.

  (f) The department, authorized agency, parent, guardian, or
- person or entity who places the child for adoption shall[7--at--er before--the--time--of--placement] provide the prospective adoptive parents with a copy [summary] of the report as early as practicable prior to the first meeting of the adoptive parents with the child being placed for adoption edited to protect the identity [confidentiality] of birth parents and their families.
- (g) The report [and-a-cepy-of-the-report-summary-submitted to--the-child-s-adoptive-parents] shall be retained for a period of 99 years by the department or authorized agency placing the child for adoption. If the agency ceases to function as an authorized agency, the agency shall transfer all the reports to the department or, after giving notice to the department, to a transferee agency that is assuming responsibility for the preservation of agency's adoption records. If the child has not been placed for adoption by the department or an authorized agency, and if the child is being adopted by a person other than the child's stepparents, grandparent, aunt, or uncle by birth, marriage, or prior adoption, the person or entity who places the child for adoption shall file the report [and-a-copy-of-the-report-summary submitted-to-the-child-s-adoptive--parents] with the department, which shall retain such copies for a period of 99 years.
- (h) No petition for adoption of a child by a person other than the child's stepparent, grandparent, aunt, or uncle by birth, marriage, or prior adoption may be granted until the following documents have been filed in the record of the suit:
- (1) a copy of the report [summary] child's adoptive parents; and
- (2) if the report is [and-a-copy-of-the-report-summary are] required to be submitted to the department under Subsection (g) of this section, a certificate from the department acknowledging receipt of the report [and-eepy--ef--the-report summary].
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- (1) an adoptive parent of the adopted child;(2) the managing conservator, guardian of the person,or legal custodian of the adopted child;
- (3) the adopted child, after the child [he] adult;
- (4) the surviving spouse of the adopted child if the adopted child is dead and the spouse is the parent or guardian of a child of the deceased adopted child; or
- (5) a progeny of the adopted child if the adopted child is dead and the progeny is an adult.
- (j) A copy of the report [summary] may not be furnished to any person who cannot furnish satisfactory proof of [his] identity and [of-his] legal entitlement to receive a copy [of-the-summary].
- (k) A person requesting a copy of the report [summary] must pay the actual and reasonable costs of providing a copy
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  - (m) A court having jurisdiction of a suit affecting the

parent-child relationship may by order waive the making and filing of a report under this section if the child's biological parents cannot be located, and as a consequence thereof, there sufficient information available to compile a report.

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SECTION 5. Section 16.09, Family Code, is amended to read as

- (a) On entry of a decree of adoption, the parent-child relationship exists between the adopted child and the adoptive parents as if the child were born to the adoptive parents during marriage. The adoptive parents are entitled to receive copies of the records and other information relating to the history of child maintained by the department, authorized agency, person, or entity placing the child for adoption. It shall be the duty of the person or entity placing the child for adoption to edit the records and information to protect the identity of the biological parents and any other person whose identity is confidential.
- (b) An adopted child is entitled to inherit from and through the child's [his] adoptive parents as though the child [he] were the natural child of the parents.

  (c) The terms "child," "descendant," "issue," and other
- terms indicating the relationship of parent and child include an adopted child unless the context or express language clearly indicates otherwise.
- (d) Nothing in this chapter shall preclude or affect the rights of a biologic or adoptive maternal or paternal grandparent to reasonable access under Sections 14.03(e), (f), and (g) of this
- SECTION 6. Section 34.08, Family Code, is amended to read as follows:
- Except as provided in Subsections (b) and (c) of this section, the [The] reports, records, and working papers used or developed in an investigation made under this chapter are confidential and may be disclosed only for purposes consistent with the purposes of this code under regulations adopted by investigating agency.
- (b) The adoptive parents of a child who was the subject of an investigation under this chapter and an adult who was the subject of an investigation under this chapter as a child are entitled to examine and make copies of any reports, records, working papers and other information in the possession, custody or control of the state which portain to the history of the child and control of the state which pertain to the history of the child and which have been edited to protect the identity of the biological parents and any other person whose identity is confidential.
- (c) Prior to placing a child who was the subject of investigation under this chapter with prospective adoptive parents, the department shall notify the prospective adoptive parents of their right to examine any reports, records, and other information in the possession, custody, or control of the state which pertain to the history of the child and which have been edited to protect the identity of the biological parents and any other person whose identity is confidential. It is the duty of the department to provide prospective adoptive parents an opportunity to examine such information as early as practicable prior to placing a child with the prospective adoptive parents.

SECTION 7. This Act applies to adoptions consummated before, on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 8. The importance of this legislation and crowded condition of the calendars in both houses creat the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after passage, and it is so enacted.

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2 3 4 5	Austin, Texas May 22, 1989 Hon. William P. Hobby President of the Senate
6	Sir:
7 8 9 10	We, your Committee on Health and Human Services to which was referred H.B. No. 1806, have had the same under consideration, and I am instructed to report it back to the Senate with the recommendation that it do not pass, but that the Committee Substitute adopted in lieu thereof do pass and be printed.
12	Tejeda, Acting Chairman

Austin, Texas

#### FISCAL NOTE

May 10, 1989

T0:

Honorable Chet Brooks, Chairman Committee on Health and Human Services

Senate Chamber

Austin, Texas

In Re: House Bill No. 1806,

as engrossed By: Collazo

FROM: Jim Oliver, Director

In response to your request for a Fiscal Note on House Bill No. 1806, as engrossed (relating to postadoption services for adoptees and the adoptive families) this office has determined the following:

No significant fiscal implication to the State or units of local government is anticipated.

Source: Department of Human Services;

LBB Staff: JO, JWH, AL, GR, CKM

Austin, Texas

### FISCAL NOTE

April 25, 1989

T0: Honorable Erwin W. Barton, Chair

Committee on Human Services House of Representatives Austin, Texas

In Re: House Bill No. 1806,

as amended By: Collazo

FROM: Jim Oliver, Director

In response to your request for a Fiscal Note on House Bill No. 1806, as amended (relating to providing postadoption services for adoptees and the adoptive families) this office has determined the following:

No significant fiscal implication to the State or units of local government is anticipated.

Criminal Justice Policy Impact Statement: No change in the sanctions applicable to adults convicted of felony crimes is anticipated.

Department of Human Services; Source:

LBB Staff: JO, JWH, AL, GR, CKM

Austin, Texas

#### FISCAL NOTE March 29, 1989

T0: Honorable Erwin W. Barton, Chair In Re: House Bill No. 1806

Committee on Human Services

By: Collazo

House of Representatives Austin, Texas

FROM: Jim Oliver, Director

In response to your request for a Fiscal Note on House Bill No. 1806 (relating to providing postadoption services for adoptees and the adoptive families) this office has determined the following:

No fiscal implication to the State or units of local government is anticipated.

Criminal Justice Policy Impact Statement: No change in the sanctions applicable to adults convicted of felony crimes is anticipated.

Source: Department of Human Services;

LBB Staff: JO, JWH, AL, GR, BL

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H.B. No. 1806

Substitute the following for H.B. No. 1806:

C.S.H.B. No. 1806

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED AN ACT 1 relating to children placed for adoption, postadoption services 2 for adoptees and the adoptive families. 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS: SECTION 1. The heading of Chapter 47, Human Resources Code, 5 is amended to read as follows: CHAPTER 47. ADOPTION SERVICES [FOR HARD-TO-PLACE-CHILDREN] 7 SECTION 2. Sections 47.001-47.005, Human Resources Code, are 8 designated as SUBCHAPTER A. SERVICES FOR HARD-TO-PLACE CHILDREN. 9 SECTION 3. Chapter 47, Human Resources Code, is amended by 10 adding Subchapter B to read as follows: 11 SUBCHAPTER B. POSTADOPTION SERVICES 12 Sec. 47.031. PROVISION OF SERVICES. The department may 13

provide services after adoption to adoptees and adoptive families to whom the department provided services before adoption. The department may provide the services directly or through contract. The services may include financial assistance, respite care, placement services, parenting programs, support groups, counseling services, and medical aid.

Sec. 47.032. POSTADOPTION SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a) 20 The Postadoption Services Advisory Committee is established. 21

#### (b) The committee is composed of:

(1) a representative of the department appointed by 23 the commissioner; 24

1	(2) a representative of the Texas Department of Mental
2	Health and Mental Retardation appointed by the commissioner of
3	mental health and mental retardation;
4	(3) an adoptive parent appointed by the lieutenant
5	<pre>governor;</pre>
6	(4) an adoptive parent appointed by the speaker of the
7	house;
8	(5) a psychologist or psychiatrist licensed to
9	practice in this state who specializes in treating adopted children
10	appointed by the lieutenant governor; and
11	(6) a representative of a private adoption agency
12	appointed by the speaker of the house.
13	(c) The commissioner shall set the time and place of the
14	first meeting.
15	(d) Committee members serve two-year terms and may be
16	reappointed for subsequent terms.
17	(e) The committee shall annually elect one member to serve
18	as chairman.
19	(f) The committee shall meet at least quarterly. Any
20	actions taken by the committee must be approved by a majority vote
21	of the members present.
22	(g) Members of the committee receive no compensation but are
23	entitled to reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses
24	incurred in performing their duties under this section.
25	(h) The department shall pay the expenses of the committee
26	and shall supply necessary personnel and supplies.
27	(i) The committee shall:

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1	(1) monitor the postadoption services provided by the
2	department and the contracts issued for those services;
3	(2) study the costs and benefits provided by the
4	postadoption services;
5	(3) review the issues concerning adoptees and adoptive
6	families and develop appropriate policy recommendations for the
<b>7</b> .	state; and
8	(4) submit a biennial report to the legislature not
9	later than February 1 of each odd-numbered year that includes the
10	results of the costs and benefits study, the policy recommendations
11	for the state, and committee recommendations to improve
12	postadoption services provided by the department.
13	SECTION 4. Section 16.032, Family Code, is amended to read
14	as follows: Heavil Corner phone The AND GENET CHE THE DECEMBER.
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18	Services, an authorized agency, or the child's parent or guardian
19	shall compile a report on the available health, social,
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23	adoption by any person or entity other than the department, ar
24	authorized agency, or the child's parent or guardian, it is the
25	duty of the person or entity who places the child for adoption to
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- (c) The social history of the child must include information, to the extent known, about past and existing relationships among the child and the child's [,-his] siblings, [his] parents by birth, [his] extended family, and other persons who have had physical possession of or legal access to the child.
- (d) The educational history of the child shall include, to the extent known, information about the enrollment and performance of the child in educational institutions, results of educational testing and standardized tests, and special educational needs, if any, of the child.
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  21 extent such information is available, information about:
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16	or a felony violation of a statute intended to control the
17	possession or distribution of a substance included in the Texas
18	Controlled Substances Act (Article 4476-15, Vernon's Texas Civil
19	Statutes); and
20	(10) any information necessary to determine whether the
21	child is entitled to or otherwise eligible for state or federal
22	financial, medical or other assistance.
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- (h) No petition for adoption of a child by a person other than the child's stepparent, grandparent, aunt, or uncle by birth, marriage, or prior adoption may be granted until the following documents have been filed in the record of the suit:
- (1) a copy of the report [summary] signed by the child's adoptive parents; and
- (2) if the report is [and-a-copy-of-the-report-summary are] required to be submitted to the department under Subsection

(g) of this section, a certificate from the department acknowledging receipt of the report [and-a-copy-of-the-report summary].

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- (i) The department, authorized agency, or court retaining a copy of the report [summary-submitted-to-the-adoptive-parents] shall provide a copy of the report which has been edited to protect the identity of the birth parents and any other person whose identity is confidential [that-summary] to the following persons on request:
  - (1) an adoptive parent of the adopted child;
- (2) the managing conservator, guardian of the person, or legal custodian of the adopted child;
  - (3) the adopted child, after the child [he] is an adult;
- (4) the surviving spouse of the adopted child if the adopted child is dead and the spouse is the parent or guardian of a child of the deceased adopted child; or
- (5) a progeny of the adopted child if the adopted child is dead and the progeny is an adult.
- (j) A copy of the report [summary] may not be furnished to any person who cannot furnish satisfactory proof of [his] identity and [ef-his] legal entitlement to receive a copy [ef-the-summary].
- (k) A person requesting a copy of the report [summary] must pay the actual and reasonable costs of providing a copy [of-the summary-] and verifying [his] entitlement to the copy.
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and psychiatric information to the adoptive parents should it become available, and to file such supplemental information where the original report is [and-summary-are] filed, where it shall be retained for as long as the original report is [and-summary-are] required to be retained.

- (m) A court hearing jurisdiction of a suit affecting the parent-child relationship may by order waive the making and filing of a report under this section if the child's biological parents cannot be located, and as a consequence thereof, there is not sufficient information available to compile a report.
- (n) The department, authorized agency, person or entity placing a child for adoption shall inform the prospective adoptive parents of their right to examine the records and other information relating to the history of the child. It shall be the duty of the person or entity placing the child for adoption to edit the records and information to protect the identity of the biological parents and any other person whose identity is confidential.

SECTION 5. Section 16.09, Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) On entry of a decree of adoption, the parent-child relationship exists between the adopted child and the adoptive parents as if the child were born to the adoptive parents during marriage. The adoptive parents are entitled to receive copies of the records and other information relating to the history of the child maintained by the department, authorized agency, person, or entity placing the child for adoption. It shall be the duty of the person or entity placing the child for adoption to edit the records

- and information to protect the identity of the biological parents
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- 3 (b) An adopted child is entitled to inherit from and through
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- (c) The terms "child," "descendant," "issue," and other terms indicating the relationship of parent and child include an adop"ed child unless the context or express language clearly indicates otherwise.
- (d) Nothing in this chapter shall preclude or affect the rights of a biologic or adoptive maternal or paternal grandparents to reasonable access under Sections 14.03(e), (f), and (g) of this code.
- SECTION 6. Section 34.08, Family Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 16 (a) Except as provided in Subsections (b) and (c) of this

  17 section, the [The] reports, records, and working papers used or

  18 developed in an investigation made under this chapter are

  19 confidential and may be disclosed only for purposes consistent with

  20 the purposes of this code under regulations adopted by the

  21 investigating agency.
- 22 (b) The adoptive parents of a child who was the subject of
  23 an investigation under this chapter and an adult who was the
  24 subject of an investigation under this chapter as a child are
  25 entitled to examine and make copies of any reports, records,

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(c) Prior to placing a child who was the subject of an investigation under this chapter with prospective adoptive parents, the department shall notify the prospective adoptive parents of their right to examine any reports, records, and other information in the possession, custody, or control of the state which pertain to the history of the child and which have been edited to protect the identity of the biological parents and any other person whose identity is confidential. It is the duty of the department to provide prospective adoptive parents an opportunity to examine such information as early as practicable prior to placing a child with the prospective adoptive parents. 

SECTION 7. This Act applies to adoptions consummated before, on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 8. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

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By Collazo

H.B. No. 1806

### A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1	AN ACT
2	relating to postadoption services for adoptees and the adoptive
3	families.
4	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
5	SECTION 1. The heading of Chapter 47, Human Resources Code,
6	is amended to read as follows: CHAPTER 47. ADOPTION SERVICES [FOR
7	HARD-TO-PLACE-CHILDREN]
8	SECTION 2. Sections 47.001-47.005, Human Resources Code, are
9	designated as SUBCHAPTER A. SERVICES FOR HARD-TO-PLACE CHILDREN.
10	SECTION 3. Chapter 47, Human Resources Code, is amended by
11	adding Subchapter B to read as follows:
12	SUBCHAPTER B. POSTADOPTION SERVICES
13	Sec. 47.031. PROVISION OF SERVICES. The department may
14	provide services after adoption to adoptees and adoptive families
15	to whom the department provided services before adoption. The
16	department may provide the services directly or through contract.
17	The services may include financial assistance, respite care,
18	placement services, parenting programs, support groups, counseling
19	services, and medical aid.
20	Sec. 47.032. POSTADOPTION SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a)
21	The Postadoption Services Advisory Committee is established.
22	(b) The committee is composed of:
23	(1) a representative of the department appointed by
24	the commissioner:

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2	Health and Mental Retardation appointed by the commissioner of
3	mental health and mental retardation;
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7	house;
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9	practice in this state who specializes in treating adopted children
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11	(6) a representative of a private adoption agency
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13	(c) The commissioner shall set the time and place of the
14	first meeting.
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13	(d) Committee members serve two-year terms and may be
16	reappointed for subsequent terms.
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20	actions taken by the committee must be approved by a majority vote
21	of the members present.
22	(g) Members of the committee receive no compensation but are

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- 1 (1) monitor the postadoption services provided by the 2 department and the contracts issued for those services;
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- (4) submit a biennial report to the legislature not

  9 later than February 1 of each odd-numbered year that includes the

  10 results of the costs and benefits study, the policy recommendations

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designated as SUBCHAPTER A. SERVICES FOR HARD-TO-PI	LACE CHILDREN.
SECTION 3. Chapter 47, Human Resources Code	, is amended by
adding Subchapter B to read as follows:	
SUBCHAPTER B. POSTADOPTION SERVICES	
Sec. 47.031. PROVISION OF SERVICES. The	department may
provide services after adoption to adoptees and ad	optive families
to whom the department provided services before	adoption. The
department may provide the services directly or th	rough contract.
The services may include financial assistance,	respite care,
placement services, parenting programs, support gro	ups, counseling
services, and medical aid.	
Sec. 47.032. POSTADOPTION SERVICES ADVISORY C	OMMITTEE. (a)

(1) a representative of the department appointed by

The Postadoption Services Advisory Committee is established.

(b) The committee is composed of:

1	(2) a representative of the Texas Department of Mental
2	Health and Mental Retardation appointed by the commissioner of
3	mental health and mental retardation;
4	(3) an adoptive parent appointed by the lieutenant
5	governor;
6	(4) an adoptive parent appointed by the speaker of the
7	house;
8	(5) a psychologist or psychiatrist licensed to
9	practice in this state who specializes in treating adopted children
10	appointed by the lieutenant governor; and
11	(6) a representative of a private adoption agency
12	appointed by the speaker of the house.
13	(c) The commissioner shall set the time and place of the
14	first meeting.
15	(d) Committee members serve two-year terms and may be
16	reappointed for subsequent terms.
17	(e) The committee shall annually elect one member to serve
18	as chairman.
19	(f) The committee shall meet at least quarterly. Any
20	actions taken by the committee must be approved by a majority vote
21	of the members present.
22	(g) Members of the committee receive no compensation but are
23	entitled to reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses
24	incurred in performing their duties under this section.
25	(h) The department shall pay the expenses of the committee
26	and shall supply necessary personnel and supplies.
27	(i) The committee shall:

1	(1) monitor the postadoption services provided by the
2	department and the contracts issued for those services;
3	(2) study the costs and benefits provided by the

(3) review the issues concerning adoptees and adoptive families and develop appropriate policy recommendations for the

7. state; and

(4) submit a biennial report to the legislature not

later than February 1 of each odd-numbered year that includes the

results of the costs and benefits study, the policy recommendations

for the state, and committee recommendations to improve

postadoption services provided by the department.

SECTION 4. Section 16.032, Family Code, is amended to read
as follows:

other than the child's stepparent, grandparent, aunt, or uncle by birth, marriage, or prior adoption, the Texas Department of Human Services, an authorized agency, or the child's parent or guardian shall compile a report on the available health, social, educational, and genetic history of the child to be adopted. The report shall include any history of physical, sexual, or emotional abuse suffered by the child. If the child has been placed for adoption by any person or entity other than the department, an authorized agency, or the child's parent or guardian, it is the duty of the person or entity who places the child for adoption to prepare the report.

(b) The health history of the child must include information about the child's health status at the time of placement. The health history must include birth, neonatal, and other medical, psychological, psychiatric, and dental history, a record of immunizations, and the available results of medical, psychological, psychiatric, and dental examinations of the child.

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- (c) The social history of the child must include information, to the extent known, about past and existing relationships among the child and the child's [,-his] siblings, [his] parents by birth, [his] extended family, and other persons who have had physical possession of or legal access to the child.
- (d) The educational history of the child shall include, to the extent known, information about the enrollment and performance of the child in educational institutions, results of educational testing and standardized tests, and special educational needs, if any, of the child.
- (e) The genetic history of the child shall include a description of the child's parents by birth and their parents, any other child(ren) born to either of the child's parents, and extended family members, and shall specifically include, to the extent such information is available, information about:
- 22 (1) their health and medical history, including any
  23 genetic diseases and disorders;

2	(3) the cause of and their age at death;
3	(4) their height and weight and eye and hair color;
4	(5) their nationality and ethnic backgrounds;
5	(6) their general levels of educational and professional
6	achievements, if any;
7	(7) their religious backgrounds; if any; [and]
8	(8) any psychological, psychiatric or social
9	evaluations, including the date of any such evaluation, any
.0	diagnosis, and a summary of any findings; [the-existence-of-any
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13	(9) any criminal conviction record relating to a
14	misdemeanor or felonv classified as an offense against the person
15	or family, a misdemeanor or felony classified as public indecency,
16	or a felony violation of a statute intended to control the
17	possession or distribution of a substance included in the Texas
18	Controlled Substances Act (Article 4476-15, Vernon's Texas Civil
19	Statutes); and
20	(10) any information necessary to determine whether the
21	child is entitled to or otherwise eligible for state or federal
22	financial, medical or other assistance.
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	(f) The department, authorized agency, parent, guardian, or
24	person or entity who places the child for adoption shall [,-at-er
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26	DETERTS with a copy (summary) of the report so seein as annual and

(2) their health status at the time of placement;

prior to the first meeting of the adoptive parents with the child being placed for adoption edited to protect the identity [confidentiality] of birth parents and their families.

- (g) The report [and-a-cepy-ef-the report-summary-submitted to-the-child's-adeptive-parents] shall be retained for a period of 99 years by the department or authorized agency placing the child for adoption. If the agency ceases to function as an authorized agency, the agency shall transfer all the reports to the department or, after giving notice to the department, to a transferee agency that is assuming responsibility for the preservation of the agency's adoption records. If the child has not been placed for adoption by the department or an authorized agency, and if the child is being adopted by a person other than the child's stepparents, grandparent, aunt, or uncle by birth, marriage, or prior adoption, the person or entity who places the child for adoption shall file the report [and-a-cepy-of-the-report-summary submiceed-te-the-child's-adoptive-parents] with the department, which shall retain such copies for a period of 99 years.
- (h) No petition for adoption of a child by a person other than the child's stepparent, grandparent, aunt, or uncle by birth, marriage, or prior adoption may be granted until the following documents have been filed in the record of the suit:
- (1) a copy of the report [summary] signed by the child's adoptive parents; and
- (2) if the report is [and-a-conv-of-the-report-summarv are] required to be submitted to the department under Subsection

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- (i) The department, authorized agency, or court retaining a copy of the report [summary-submitted-to-the-adoptive-parents] shall provide a copy of the report which has been edited to protect the identity of the birth parents and any other person whose identity is confidential [that-summary] to the following persons on request:
  - (1) an adoptive parent of the adopted child;
- (2) the managing conservator, guardian of the person, or legal custodian of the adopted child;
  - (3) the adopted child, after the child [he] is an adult;
- (4) the surviving spouse of the adopted child if the adopted child is dead and the spouse is the parent or guardian of a child of the deceased adopted child; or
- (5) a progeny of the adopted child if the adopted child is dead and the progeny is an adult.
- (j) A copy of the report [summary] may not be furnished to any person who cannot furnish satisfactory proof of [his] identity and [sf-his] legal entitlement to receive a copy [sf-the-summary].
- (k) A person requesting a copy of the report [summary] must pay the actual and reasonable costs of providing a copy [of-the summary-] and verifying [his] entitlement to the copy.
- (1) The department, authorized agency, parent, guardian, person, or entity who prepares and files the original report [and summary] is required to furnish supplemental medical, psychological

and psychiatric information to the adoptive parents should it become available and to file such supplemental information where the original report is [and-summary-are] filed, where it shall be retained for as long as the original report is [and-summary-are] required to be retained.

- (m) A court hearing jurisdiction of a suit affecting the parent-child relationship may by order waive the making and filing of a report under this section if the child's biological parents cannot be located, and as a consequence thereof, there is not sufficient information available to compile a report.
- (n) The department, authorized agency, person or entity placing a child for adoption shall inform the prospective adoptive parents of their right to examine the records and other information relating to the history of the child. It shall be the duty of the person or entity placing the child for adoption to edit the records and information to protect the identity of the biological parents and any other person whose identity is confidential.

SECTION 5. Section 16.09, Family Code, is amended to read as follows:

(a) On entry of a decree of adoption, the parent-child relationship exists between the adopted child and the adoptive parents as if the child were born to the adoptive parents during marriage. The adoptive parents are entitled to receive copies of the records and other information relating to the history of the child maintained by the department, authorized agency, person, or entity placing the child for adoption. It shall be the duty of the person or entity placing the child for adoption to edit the records

- and information to protect the identity of the biological parents

  and any other person whose identity is confidential.
- (b) An adopted child is entitled to inherit from and through the child's [his] adoptive parents as though the child [he] were the natural child of the parents.

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- (c) The terms "child," "descendant," "issue," and other terms indicating the relationship of parent and child include an adop"ed child unless the context or express language clearly indicates otherwise.
- (d) Nothing in this chapter shall preclude or affect the rights of a biologic or adoptive maternal or paternal grandparents to reasonable access under Sections 14.03(e), (f), and (g) of this code.
- SECTION 6. Section 34.08, Family Code, is amended to read as follows:
- 16 (a) Except as provided in Subsections (b) and (c) of this

  17 section, the [The] reports, records, and working papers used or

  18 developed in an investigation made under this chapter are

  19 confidential and may be disclosed only for purposes consistent with

  20 the purposes of this code under regulations adopted by the

  21 investigating agency.
- 22 (b) The adoptive parents of a child who was the subject of
  23 an investigation under this chapter and an adult who was the
  24, subject of an investigation under this chapter as a child are
  25 entitled to examine and make copies of any reports, records,

working papers and other information in the possession, custody or control of the state which pertain to the history of the child and which have been edited to protect the identity of the biological parents and any other person whose identity is confidential.

(c) Prior to placing a child who was the subject of an 5 investigation under this chapter with prospective adoptive parents, 6 the department shall notify the prospective adoptive parents of 7 their right to examine any reports, records, and other information 8 in the possession, custody, or control of the state which pertain 9 to the history of the child and which have been edited to protect 10 the identity of the biological parents and any other person whose 11 identity is confidential. It is the duty of the department to 12 provide prospective adoptive parents an opportunity to examine 13 such information as early as practicable prior to placing a child 14 with the prospective adoptive parents. 15

SECTION 7. This Act applies to adoptions consummated before, on or after the effective date of this Act.

SECTION 8. The importance of this legislation and the crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an emergency and an imperative public necessity that the constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended, and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its passage, and it is so enacted.

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### LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

### FISCAL NOTE

May 10, 1989

TO:

Honorable Chet Brooks, Chairman Committee on Health and Human Services

Senate Chamber Austin, Texas

In Re: House Bill No. 1806,

as engrossed

By: Collazo

FROM: Jim Oliver, Director

In response to your request for a Fiscal Note on House Bill No. 1806, as engrossed (relating to postadoption services for adoptees and the adoptive families) this office has determined the following:

No significant fiscal implication to the State or units of local government is anticipated.

Source: Department of Human Services; LBB Staff: JO, JWH, AL, GR, CKM

### LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

### FISCAL NOTE April 25, 1989

T0:

Honorable Erwin W. Barton, Chair

Committee on Human Services House of Representatives

Austin, Texas

In Re: House Bill No. 1806,

as amended

By: Collazo

FROM: Jim Oliver, Director

In response to your request for a Fiscal Note on House Bill No. 1806, as amended (relating to providing postadoption services for adoptees and the adoptive families) this office has determined the following:

No significant fiscal implication to the State or units of local government is anticipated.

Criminal Justice Policy Impact Statement: No change in the sanctions applicable to adults convicted of felony crimes is anticipated.

Source: Department of Human Services;

LBB Staff: JO, JWH, AL, GR, CKM

### LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD

Austin, Texas

### FISCAL NOTE March 29, 1989

T0:

Honorable Erwin W. Barton, Chair

In Re: House Bill No. 1806

Committee on Human Services House of Representatives

By: Collazo

Austin, Texas

FROM: Jim Oliver, Director

In response to your request for a Fiscal Note on House Bill No. 1806 (relating to providing postadoption services for adoptees and the adoptive families) this office has determined the following:

No fiscal implication to the State or units of local government is anticipated.

Criminal Justice Policy Impact Statement: No change in the sanctions applicable to adults convicted of felony crimes is anticipated.

Source: Department of Human Services;

LBB Staff: JO, JWH, AL, GR, BL

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2	relating to children placed for adoption and postadoption services
3	for adoptees and the adoptive families.
4	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:
5	SECTION 1. The heading of Chapter 47, Human Resources Code,
6	is amended to read as follows: CHAPTER 47. ADOPTION SERVICES [FOR
7	HARD-TO-PLACE-CHILDREN]
8	SECTION 2. Sections 47.001-47.005, Human Resources Code, are
9	designated as SUBCHAPTER A. SERVICES FOR HARD-TO-PLACE CHILDREN.
10	SECTION 3. Chapter 47, Human Resources Code, is amended by
11	adding Subchapter B to read as follows:
12	SUBCHAPTER B. POSTADOPTION SERVICES
13	Sec. 47.031. PROVISION OF SERVICES. The department may
14	provide services after adoption to adoptees and adoptive families
15	to whom the department provided services before adoption. The
16	department may provide the services directly or through contract.
<b>L</b> 7	The services may include financial assistance, respite care,
18	placement services, parenting programs, support groups, counseling
L9	services, and medical aid.
20	Sec. 47.032. POSTADOPTION SERVICES ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (a)
21	The Postadoption Services Advisory Committee is established.
22	(b) The committee is composed of:
23	(1) a representative of the department appointed by
24	the commissioner;

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1	(2) a representative of the Texas Department of Mental
2	Health and Mental Retardation appointed by the commissioner of
3	mental health and mental retardation;
4	(3) an adoptive parent appointed by the lieutenant
5	governor;
6	(4) an adoptive parent appointed by the speaker of the
7	house;
8	(5) a psychologist or psychiatrist licensed to
9	practice in this state who specializes in treating adopted children
10	appointed by the lieutenant governor; and

(c) The commissioner shall set the time and place of the 13 first meeting. 14

(6) a representative of a private adoption agency

- (d) Committee members serve two-year terms and may be 15 16 reappointed for subsequent terms.
- (e) The committee shall annually elect one member to serve 17 18 as chairman.
- (f) The committee shall meet at least quarterly. Any 19 actions taken by the committee must be approved by a majority vote 20 of the members present. 21
- 22 (g) Members of the committee receive no compensation but are entitled to reimbursement for actual and necessary expenses 23 incurred in performing their duties under this section. 24
- (h) The department shall pay the expenses of the committee 25 26 and shall supply necessary personnel and supplies.
  - (i) The committee shall:

appointed by the speaker of the house.

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- 1 (1) monitor the postadoption services provided by the
- 2 department and the contracts issued for those services;
- 3 (2) study the costs and benefits provided by the
- 4 postadoption services;
- 5 (3) review the issues concerning adoptees and adoptive
- 6 families and develop appropriate policy recommendations for the
- 7 state; and
- 8 (4) submit a biennial report to the legislature not
- 9 later than February 1 of each odd-numbered year that includes the
- results of the costs and benefits study, the policy recommendations
- 11 for the state, and committee recommendations to improve
- 12 postadoption services provided by the department.
- SECTION 4. Section 16.032, Family Code, is amended to read
- 14 as follows:
- 15 Sec. 16.032. HEALTH, SOCIAL, EDUCATIONAL, AND GENETIC
- 16 HISTORY REPORT. (a) Before placing a child for adoption with any
- 17 person other than the child's stepparent, grandparent, aunt, or
- 18 uncle by birth, marriage, or prior adoption, the Texas Department
- of Human Services, an authorized agency, or the child's parent or
- 20 guardian shall compile a report on the available health, social,
- 21 educational, and genetic history of the child to be adopted. The
- 22 report shall include any history of physical, sexual, or emotional
- 23 abuse suffered by the child. If the child has been placed for
- 24 adoption by any person or entity other than the department, an
- 25 authorized agency, or the child's parent or guardian, it is the
- 26 duty of the person or entity who places the child for adoption to
- 27 prepare the report.

- 1 (b) The health history of the child must include information
- 2 about the child's health status at the time of placement. The
- 3 health history must include birth, neonatal, and other medical,
- 4 psychological, psychiatric, and dental history, a record of
- 5 immunizations, and the available results of medical, psychological,
- 6 psychiatric, and dental examinations of the child.
- 7 (c) The social history of the child must include
- 8 information, to the extent known, about past and existing
- 9 relationships among the child and the child's[7-his] siblings,
- [his] parents by birth, [his] extended family, and other persons
- 11 who have had physical possession of or legal access to the child.
- (d) The educational history of the child shall include, to
- the extent known, information about the enrollment and performance
- of the child in educational institutions, results of educational
- 15 testing and standardized tests, and special educational needs, if
- 16 any, of the child.
- 17 (e) The genetic history of the child shall include a
- description of the child's parents by birth and their parents, any
- other child born to either of the child's parents, and extended
- 20 <u>family members</u>, and shall specifically include, to the extent such
- 21 information is available, information about:
- 22 (1) their health and medical history, including any
- 23 genetic diseases and disorders;
- 24 (2) their health status at the time of placement;
- 25 (3) the cause of and their age at death;
- 26 (4) their height and weight and eye and hair color;
- 27 (5) their nationality and ethnic backgrounds;

- 1 (6) their general levels of educational and 2 professional achievements, if any;
- 3 (7) their religious backgrounds, if any; [and]
- (8) any psychological, psychiatric, or social

  evaluations, including the date of any such evaluation, any

  diagnosis, and a summary of any findings; [the-existence-ef-any

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- (9) any criminal conviction record relating to a

  10 misdemeanor or felony classified as an offense against the person

  11 or family, a misdemeanor or felony classified as public indecency,

  12 or a felony violation of a statute intended to control the

  13 possession or distribution of a substance included in the Texas

  14 Controlled Substances Act (Article 4476-15, Vernon's Texas Civil

  15 Statutes); and
- (10) any information necessary to determine whether
  the child is entitled to or otherwise eligible for state or federal
  financial, medical, or other assistance.

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- (f) The department, authorized agency, parent, guardian, or person or entity who places the child for adoption shall[7--at--er befere--the--time--ef--placement] provide the prospective adoptive parents with a copy [summary] of the report as early as practicable prior to the first meeting of the adoptive parents with the child being placed for adoption edited to protect the identity [cenfidentiality] of birth parents and their families.
- (g) The report [and-a-copy-of-the-report-summary-submitted to--the-child-s-adoptive-parents] shall be retained for a period of

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99 years by the department or authorized agency placing the child 1 2 for adoption. If the agency ceases to function as an authorized agency, the agency shall transfer all the reports to the department 3 or, after giving notice to the department, to a transferee agency 4 that is assuming responsibility for the preservation of 5 agency's adoption records. If the child has not been placed for 6 adoption by the department or an authorized agency, and if the 7 child is being adopted by a person other than the child's 8 stepparent, grandparent, aunt, or uncle by birth, marriage, or 9 prior adoption, the person or entity who places the child for 10 adoption shall file the report [and-a-copy-of-the-report-summary 11 submitted-to-the-child's-adoptive--parents] with the department, 12 which shall retain such copies for a period of 99 years. 13

- (h) No petition for adoption of a child by a person other than the child's stepparent, grandparent, aunt, or uncle by birth, marriage, or prior adoption may be granted until the following documents have been filed in the record of the suit:
- (1) a copy of the report [summary] signed by the child's adoptive parents; and
- (2) if the report is [and-a-copy-of-the-report-summary are] required to be submitted to the department under Subsection (g) of this section, a certificate from the department acknowledging receipt of the report [and-copy-of-the-report summary].
- (i) The department, authorized agency, or court retaining a copy of the report [summary-submitted-te-the-adeptive-parents] shall provide a copy of the report which has been edited to protect

- the identity of the birth parents and any other person whose
- 2 <u>identity is confidential</u> [that-summary] to the following persons on
- 3 request:
- 4 (1) an adoptive parent of the adopted child;
- 5 (2) the managing conservator, guardian of the person,
- 6 or legal custodian of the adopted child;
- 7 (3) the adopted child, after the child [he] is an 8 adult;
- 9 (4) the surviving spouse of the adopted child if the 10 adopted child is dead and the spouse is the parent or guardian of a 11 child of the deceased adopted child; or
- 12 (5) a progeny of the adopted child if the adopted child is dead and the progeny is an adult.
- (j) A copy of the report [summary] may not be furnished to any person who cannot furnish satisfactory proof of [his] identity and [ef-his] legal entitlement to receive a copy [ef-the-summary].
- (k) A person requesting a copy of the report [summary] must
  pay the actual and reasonable costs of providing a copy [ef-the
  summary] and verifying [his] entitlement to the copy.
- (1) The department, authorized agency, parent, 20 guardian, person, or entity who prepares and files the original report [and 21 22 summary] is required to furnish supplemental psychological, and psychiatric information to the adoptive parents 23 should it become available, and to file 24 such supplemental information where the original report is [and-summary-are] filed, 25 where it shall be retained for as long as the original report  $\underline{\text{is}}$ 26 [and-summary-are] required to be retained. 27

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- (m) A court having jurisdiction of a suit affecting the parent-child relationship may by order waive the making and filing of a report under this section if the child's biological parents cannot be located, and as a consequence thereof, there is not sufficient information available to compile a report.
- (n) The department, authorized agency, person, or entity
  placing a child for adoption shall inform the prospective adoptive
  parents of their right to examine the records and other information
  relating to the history of the child. It shall be the duty of the
  person or entity placing the child for adoption to edit the records
  and information to protect the identity of the biological parents
  and any other person whose identity is confidential.
- SECTION 5. Section 16.09, Family Code, is amended to read as follows:
- Sec. 16.09. EFFECT OF ADOPTION DECREE. 15 (a) On entry of a decree of adoption, the parent-child relationship exists between 16 the adopted child and the adoptive parents as if the child were 17 born to the adoptive parents during marriage. The adoptive parents 18 are entitled to receive copies of the records and other information 19 relating to the history of the child maintained by the department, 20 authorized agency, person, or entity placing the child for 21 adoption. It shall be the duty of the person or entity placing the 22 child for adoption to edit the records and information to protect 23 the identity of the biological parents and any other person whose 24 25 identity is confidential.
- 26 (b) An adopted child is entitled to inherit from and through
  27 the child's [his] adoptive parents as though the child [he] were

- the natural child of the parents.
- 2 (c) The terms "child," "descendant," "issue," and other
- 3 terms indicating the relationship of parent and child include an
- 4 adopted child unless the context or express language clearly
- 5 indicates otherwise.
- 6 (d) Nothing in this chapter shall preclude or affect the
- 7 rights of a biologic or adoptive maternal or paternal grandparent
- 8 to reasonable access under Sections 14.03(e), (f), and (g) of this
- 9 code.
- SECTION 6. Section 34.08, Family Code, is amended to read as
- 11 follows:
- 12 Sec. 34.08. CONFIDENTIALITY. (a) Except as provided in
- Subsections (b) and (c) of this section, the [The] reports,
- 14 records, and working papers used or developed in an investigation
- made under this chapter are confidential and may be disclosed only
- 16 for purposes consistent with the purposes of this code under
- 17 regulations adopted by the investigating agency.
- (b) The adoptive parents of a child who was the subject of
- 19 an investigation under this chapter and an adult who was the
- 20 subject of an investigation under this chapter as a child are
- 21 entitled to examine and make copies of any reports, records,
- working papers, and other information in the possession, custody,
- or control of the state which pertain to the history of the child
- 24 and which have been edited to protect the identity of the
- 25 biological parents and any other person whose identity is
- 26 <u>confidential</u>.
- (c) Prior to placing a child who was the subject of an

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- investigation under this chapter with prospective adoptive parents,
- 2 the department shall notify the prospective adoptive parents of
- 3 their right to examine any reports, records, and other information
- 4 in the possession, custody, or control of the state which pertain
- 5 to the history of the child and which have been edited to protect
- 6 the identity of the biological parents and any other person whose
- 7 identity is confidential. It is the duty of the department to
- 8 provide prospective adoptive parents an opportunity to examine such
- 9 information as early as practicable prior to placing a child with
- the prospective adoptive parents.
- 11 SECTION 7. This Act applies to adoptions consummated before,
- on, or after the effective date of this Act.
- 13 SECTION 8. The importance of this legislation and the
- 14 crowded condition of the calendars in both houses create an
- 15 emergency and an imperative public necessity that the
- 16 constitutional rule requiring bills to be read on three several
- days in each house be suspended, and this rule is hereby suspended,
- and that this Act take effect and be in force from and after its
- 19 passage, and it is so enacted.

President of the Senate	Speaker of the House
	o. 1806 was passed by the House on May
5, 1989, by the following vote	e: Yeas 134, Nays 1; and that the
House concurred in Senate	amendments to H.B. No. 1806 on May 27,
1989, by a non-record vote.	
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amendments, on May 26, 1989,	by the following vote: Yeas 31, Nays
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I certify that H.	B. No. (40)	was passed by the House on 989, by the following vote:
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on(5)	May 27	, 1989, by a non-record vote.
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I certify that H.	B. No. <u>(40</u>	Was passed by the Senate, with
amendments, on	(2)	$M_{\text{av}}$ 26, 1989, by the
following vote: Yeas	$\frac{1}{3}$ , Nays	$M_{q}$ $\frac{1}{26}$ , 1989, by the $\frac{1}{26}$
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		Secretary of the Senate
APPROVED:		
Date	,	
Govern	or	

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H. B. No.	1806
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By Colaso

## A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

### AN ACT

relating to providing postadoption services for adoptees and the adoptive families.

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MAR ,3 1989	1. Filed with the Chief Clerk.
MAR 1 6 1989	2. Read first time and Referred to Committee on
;	Human Services
APR   8 1989	3. Reported favorably (as substituted) and sent to Printer at (0:00 pm
APR 2 7 1989	4. Printed and distributed at 12:13 m
APR 2 7 1989	5. Sent to Committee on Calendars at 12:21 pm
MAY 5 1969	6. Read second time (amended) passed to third reading (feiled) by (Non-Record Vote (Non-Record Vote of year, mays, present, net voting).
	7. Motion to reconsider and table the vote by which H.B was ordered engrossed prevailed (failed) by a (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote of yeas, nays, and present, not voting).
	8. Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days suspended (failed to suspend) by a four-fifths vote of yeas, nays, and present, not voting.
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MAY 5 1989	9 Read third time (amount of the state of th
	9. Read third time (amonded); finally passed (failed) by (Non Resord Vote) (Record Vote of
-1	10. Caption ordered amended to conform to body of bill.
	11. Motion to reconsider and table the vote by which H. B was finally passed prevailed (failed) by a (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote of yeas, nays, and present, not voting).
'MAY 5 1989	12. Ordered Engrossed at
MAY 6 1989	_ 13. Engrossed.
MAY 6 1989	14. Returned to Chief Clerk at 12:13 am
MAY 8 1989	- 15. Sent to Senate.  Setty Munes
	Chief Clerk of the House
1AY 8 1989	16. Received from the House
MAY 9 1989	17. Read, referred to Committee on HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
	. 18. Reported favorably
MAY 22 1989	19. Reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute; Committee Substitute read first time.
	20. Ordered not printed.
	21. Regular order of business suspended by (a viva voce vote.)
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	22. To permit consideration, read	ing and passage, Sen	ate and Constitu	tional Rules
	suspended by vote of		nays.	
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MAY 26 1989	23. Read second time	passed to third_re	ading by:	
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			yeas,	ilays./
	24. Caption ordered amended to co	nform to body of bill.		
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MAY 2 6 1989	25. Senate and Constitutional 3-Da	ay Rules suspended by	y vote of 30	yeas,
	nays to place bill of	on third reading and fin	al passage.	
MAY 2 6 19891	26. Read third time and passed by			
		(e viva ve	e vote.)	
		(	yeas,	nays.)
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5-21-80	27. Returned to the House.			
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MAY 2 6 1980	_ 28. Received from the Senate (with	substituted.)		
MAY 2 7 1989	29. House (Concurred) (Refused	to Consus) in Senate	(Substitute)	(Non-Record
	Vote) (Record vote of	yeas,	nays,	present,
	not votingl.			
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	_ 30. Conference Committee Ordere	ed.		2
<u> </u>	31. Conference Committee Repo			Vote) (Record t, not Voting).
MAY 27 1880	Vote of yeas, _	nays, and	presen	t, not roung.
MAI OL MA	32. Ordered Enrolled at	2:20 Pm	1	
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